

In the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method for providing online comparison shopping, from among two or more vendors, by a website system accessible by a user through a communication network, the method comprising the steps of:

compiling a shopping list identifying specific items to be purchased;

receiving optimization criteria specified by the user;

optimizing, by the website system, the shopping list based on the optimization criteria to produce an optimal shopping order, said optimization criteria being applied to offerings of said specific items made by at least two of said two or more vendors; and  
displaying the optimal shopping order to the user.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving the user's modifications to the optimal shopping order;

re-optimizing the shopping list based on the modifications to produce an updated optimal shopping order; and

displaying the updated optimal shopping order to the user.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving an acceptance of the optimal shopping order from the user; and

processing the optimal shopping order in response to the receipt of the acceptance from the user.

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Not Recommended for Entry.

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